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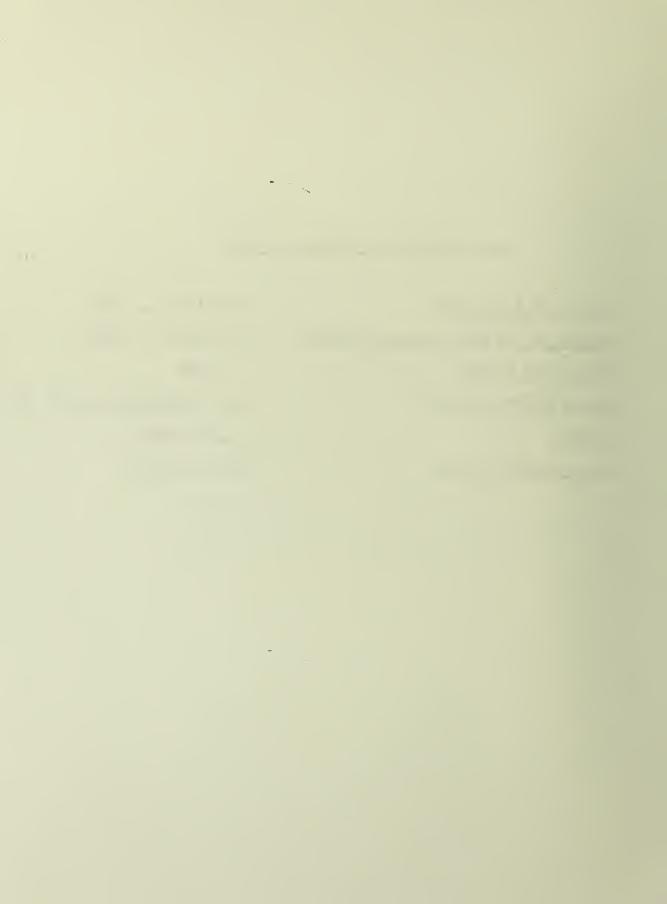
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To . - The Achby Woulds Urban District Council

Mr Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit for your attention the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health on the health, sanitary circumstances and vital statistics of the District for the year 1968. The Report, on the whole, follows the lines indicated in Circular 1/69, dated 1st January 1969, from The Ministry of Health.

According to figures supplied by the Registrar-General the population has decreased by 50. As deaths exceeded births by 6, it would appear that there is some shift of population to other areas.

The adjusted live birth rate at 13.7 is slightly less than that for last year (13.8) and compares with the rate for England and Wales at 16.9.

The percentage of illegitimate live births (2.4) is exactly half that for last year and is much lower than for the country as a whole.

There were no still births and no deaths of infants under one year of age.

47 deaths were registered, compared with 22 the previous year. The adjusted death rate was 17.5, about one and a half times than that for the whole of England and Wales (11.9)

Only 11 cases of infectious disease were notified - and there were no cases of tuberculosis.

Dr Segerdal, who had acted as your Medical Officer of Health for many years demitted office on 31st March, 1968 and died during the following month, I was appointed to succeed him as from May 14th, 1968.

I have to thank you, Mr Chairman and Gentlemen, for receiving me so cordially with so much consideration. I would also express to the staff of the Council generally and to the members of the Public Health Department in particular, my appreciation of their co-operation and assistance and of their kindly acceptance of me as a colleague.

I remain, Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant,

A. Hamilton.

Medical Officer of Health.

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General Stati	stics	of the A	rea								
Area of Distr Population (R Number of Inh Rateable Valu Sum Represent	egistra abited e, lst	ar Gener Houses April l	ral's Estime at end of 1 1968	L968	• ••	••	•••	••	••	••	2427 3210 1135 £164,646 £662
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Vital Statistics (contd)	1968	1967	England & Wales 1968
Neo-natal Mortality Rate: (death under four weeks per 1,000 total live births).	0	0	12.3
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births).	0	0	10.5
Peri-natal Mortality Rate: (deaths under one week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births).	0	0	25
Maternal Mortality: (including abortion)			
Number of deaths Rate per 1,000 total live and still birt	0 hs 0	0	
Deaths: M F Total 24 23 47		22	
Crude death rate per 1,000 population Adjusted death rate per 1,000 " Ratio of local adjusted death rate to	υ ₊ .6 17.5	6 . 7 7 . 9	11.9
National Rate.	1.47	. 71	

The area comparability factors are :- Births 1.07 and deaths 1.20. (These figures have been used where applicable in calculating the rate given above).

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Cause of Death	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 wks	4 weeks and under 1 year.	1-5	15-25-	35-	45- 5!	55- 65-	. 75 & over
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Cirrhosis of Liver	Ħ	н 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1	1 1		⊢4
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BIRTHS

It is a remarkable fact that of the 41 births registered only three actually occurred within the district, indicative of the general trend towards delivery in hospital, usually associated with early discharge and subsequent care at home by the district midwife.

DEATHS

During the year, 28 deaths, 16 males and 12 females, were registered as having occurred within the Urban District but 4 of those, all males, were of persons normally resident outside the area.

In addition, the death of 23 persons, 12 males and 11 females, normally resident in the district occurred elsewhere. The attached table summarises the position in this respect.

	M	F	Total
Registered in U.D.	16	12	28
Transferred out.	4	-	4
	12	12	24
Transferred in	12	11	23
	24	23	47

Most of the deaths occurring outside the district occurred in Hospitals in Burton-on-Trent, administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. A small number of deaths occurred in hospitals adjacent to Leicester, in individual cases depending on the disease from which the deceased person had suffered or on the age of the patient, e.g. in Chromic Sick accommodation provided by the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. This distribution is obviously governed largely by geographical considerations.

No deaths occurred under 35 years, 12 in the 65-75 age group, and 22 in the over 75 age group. 34 deaths out of the total 47 deaths were therefore of people over 65 years. The fact that the rate for the year is one and a half times greater than that for the country as a whole may be explained by the age distribution of the population of the district although the area comparability factor previously given is intended to provide for this factor. It is unwise to generalise from one set of figures and it may well be that 1968 was just "one of those things" in this respect.

GENERAL SERVICES

There are no hospitals within the area, the nearest general hospital being at Burton-on-Trent, under the Binningham Regional Hospital Board, whilst the smaller Ashby and District General Hospital is under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

General medical, ophalmic and dental services are administered by the Leicestershire and Rutland Executive Council, 130 Regent Rd, Leicester.

Most of the other medical and allied services are provided and administered by the Leicestershire County Council, in particular the Domestic Help Service (incorporating some laundry and washing facilities) administered from the Area Office at Coalville; the Ambulance Service with vehicles being stationed at Coalville in the main although co-operation exists with neighbouring ambulance services when cases, especially emergencies, arise at the periphery; the Home Nursing Service and the domiciliary Midwifery Service.



Welfare Foods are distributed from a number of centres: maternity outfits are obtainable at the offices of the Ashby Rural District Council, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and supplies of incontinence pads can be had at the WRVS Office, Market Street, Ashby on production of the necessary certificate.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 and 1951.

Late in the year it was found necessary to take formal action under the above Acts in respect of an aged person, who was suffering from grave chronic disease, living in insanitary conditions, was unable to devote to herself and was not receiving from others proper care and Joint contificates were issued by the patient's general practitioner and myself and removal to hospital was effected on the strength of a Magistrate's Order for her detention in hospital for a period not exceeding three weeks - the maximum allowed. reported the matter to your Council and having been authorised accordingly to apply to the Court for an Order extending the period of detention this step was taken and an Order was in fact made by the Court for a further period of detention not exceeding three months. It is regretted that the patient died before the end of the year in the hospital to which she had been originally admitted, and later a letter of thanks was received from a relative of the deceased thanking us for the help we had been able to give in a difficult situation.

On the actual day on which the above patient was removed to hospital by attention was directed by a general practitioner to another aged person who was in an even worse condition than the one just dealt with. Like the first, this patient had refused over some months to allow his own doctor to make arrangements for his admission to hospital and some supervision had been given by the Health and Welfare Department of the County Council. Formal action was again considered necessary and all the necessary arrangements were made but on the day previous to that on which he was to be admitted to hospital he agreed to go voluntarily. Formal action was at once discontinued and he went into hospital of his own volition. Unfortunately he died a very few days after admission.

It is distressing to have to take formal action in cases such as these, as, in effect, it means that the patients concerned are being deprived of their freedom. One can easily understand their reluctance to leave their own homes, poor and neglected as they may be and yet, after thorough investigation and enquiry, there can be little doubt that it is only following formal action that they are going to have the care and attention which they obviously so badly need. Happily, in most cases of this sort, with patience, sympathy and understanding informal action is found to be possible - a solution which, in my experience, appeals to all involved.



MEALS ON WHEELS

This service continues to function. 5 visits of investigation involving 7 individuals have been made. One application was rejected on the grounds that the applicant was suffering from a disease which precluded his swallowing solid food.

12 meals, prepared in a local Works Canteen, are distributed twice a week (Tuesdays & Thursdays). Assistance in distribution is really short but members of the MRVS and the general public play a part. It is especially gratifying to report that scholars from Ashby Girls Grammar School take part in this service - a form of community service which the recipients of the meals are especially grateful for. Further volunteers for help in this work are always needed and will be cordially welcomed.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During the year 11 cases of infectious disease were notified, 9 cases of measles, 1 case of whooping cough and one case of infective jaundice.

The age and sex distribution was :-

Measles	3 - 4 years	l male
	4 - 5 years	l female
	5 - 9 years	5 males and 2 females.

Infective jaundice

25 - 34 years 1 female

Whooping Cough

2 - 4 years 1 female

No cases of tuberculosis were notified.

The Public Health (Infective Jaundice) Regulations 1968 came into force on 15th June this disease thus becoming notifiable in this district for the first time.

I have been informed by the County Medical Officer of Health that the Director of the Regional Blood Transfusion Service requests that Public Health Departments investigating cases of infective jaundice will enquire whether the patient or any close (house) contact are blood donors and if so requests that this information be passed to the Blood Transfusion Service. It is understood that any donor thus infected will be resigned from the Panel and the next donation of a house contact will be deferred for five or six months, and then special enquiry will be made as to his or her health before the next donation.



On 1st October, The Public Health (Infectious Disease) Regulations 1968 came into force. These provide for the notification of the following diseases:-

Acute encephalitis Acute meningitis Acute poliomyelitis

Anthrax Cholera Diphtheria

Dysentery (amoebic or bacillary)

Infective jaundice

Leprosy Leptospirosis

Malaria Measles. Ophthalmia Neonatorum Paratyphoid fever

Plaque

Relapsing fever Scarlet Fever

Tetanus

Tuberculosis Typhoid fever

Typhus

Whooping cough Yellow Fever

Smallpox

Notification of the following diseases is no longer required:-

Acute influenzal pneumonia Acute primary pneumonia Acute rheumatism

Erysipelas Membranous croup Puerperal pyrexia

Tetanus and yellow fever require for the first time to be notified and leptospirosis, hitherto to be notified in certain areas only, now becomes notifiable throughout England and Wales; responsibility for notifying a case or suspected case of infectious disease or food poisoning now rests exclusively on the Medical Practitioner attending the patient unless he believes that another practitioner has already notified the case; the powers of a Medical Officer of Health of a district to vaccinate contacts of persons suffering from smallpox have been extended to other diseases and the powers of a Local Authority to require a person to stop work in order to prevent spread of infection are extended to permit action in cases of food poisoning.



Sanitary Circumstances in the Area

Water Supply

The water supply to the whole of the district was satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Samples were taken by The North West Leicestershire Water Board within the district and all were found to be satisfactory.

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district.

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g	Internal mains water supply		i de la companya de	r from external l pipes	Well water	supply
-	dwelling	Population	No of dwelling houses	Population	No of dwelling	Population
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Sewage Disposal

Satisfactory effluents have been maintained at the Council's only Sewage Works situated in Albert Village, although the Consultant Engineers are in the course of preparing a scheme to re-design these Sewage Works or to divert the flow in such a manner to be treated outside the district.



Closet Accommodation

The total number in the district on 31st December, 1968

Privies	• • •	• • •	• • •	•••	• • •	•••	• • •	0
Doil Closets								14
W/Cs		• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	• • •	1124

Pail Closets are emptied weekly by the use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Cesspool Emptying Machine and cesspools as necessary. Contents are taken to the Sewage Works for treatment. 12 cesspools are emptied quarterly as a free service to ratepayers.

Public Cleansing

The whole district is covered by the use of a Shelvoke and Drewry Refuse Freighter and a weekly collection is always maintained. Disposal is to one controlled tip.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area

(a)	Total	number of	complaints premises at	-1-4-1-	•••	 •••	72
(b)	Total						84
• •		nuisances	were dealt v	vith		 • • •	04

Inspections Made	o of Inspections
Animal Keeping	0
Bakehouses	10
Dairies	0
Drainage Works	70
Dwelling Houses (all purpose)	298
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	0
Food Poisoning Inquiries	0
Offensive Trades	0 46
Food Premises	
Refuse Collection and Disposal	72 c 24
Rodent Control (Excluding Rodent Operator visits)	c 24
Schools	4
Shops and Offices.	23
Slaughter houses and Meat Inspection	69
Smoke Control	14
Verminous and Dirty Premises	4
Caravans etc.	16
Water Supplies	15
Factories and Workplaces	15
Other Inspections	298
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Notices Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st Jan 1968	-	~,
Issued during the year	-	10
Complied with during the year	-	9
Outstanding on 31st Ded 1968	-	Τ.

Statutory

No Statutory Notices were served and no surmary action was required.



Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	Total number of registered premises	Number of Registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year.
Offices	1	2
Retail Shops	8	17
Wholesale Warehouses, Shops,		
Catering Establishments open	-	-
to the public, canteens.		
Fuel Storage Depots.	-	

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises. 19.

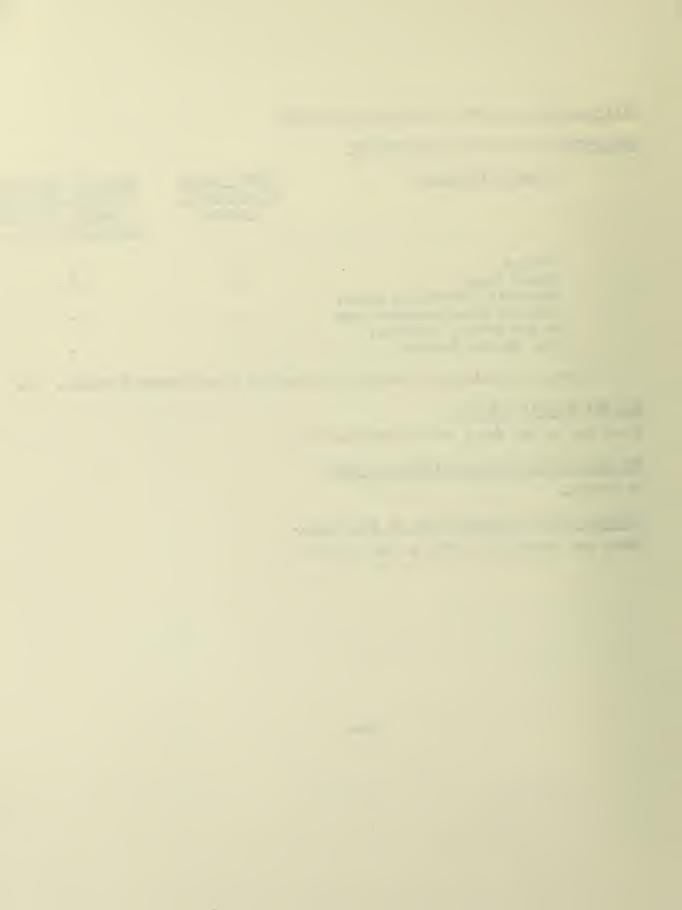
The Pet Animals Act 1951

There are no pet shops in the Urban District.

The Rag Flock and Other Filling Act 1951 No action.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the public.

There are no Swimming Baths in the district.



Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

Rats and mice infestations were dealt with, 26 inspections were made by the Public Health Inspector and 51 by the Rodent Operator, (part time).

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960.

Number of site licences issued: -

(a) Individual vans - 3 (b) More than one van - 0

Housing

50 Council houses were completed at The Norris Hill site during 1968.

Number of post war houses completed by: -

Local Authority	enti	272
Private Enterprise		58
	Total	330
Number of applications Council houses at the		127
Number of applications during the year	received	57

Housing Summary

Total number of occupied houses in the district. 1135

Total number of Council houses occupied in the district. 401

184 dwelling houses were inspected during the year for housing defects and 241 inspections made for the purpose.

3 dwellings were found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation and Demolition Orders were made, 2 families being rehoused by the Council.



Inspection and Supervision of Food

Ice Cream

Number of premises Registered

Manufacture .. Nil Retail only .. 7

Milk Supply

8 samples were taken during the year, 7 of which were Grade 1 and 1 was Grade 2.

Dairies and Distributors

Nil

All biological and bacteriological milk sampling undertaken by the County Council with satisfactory results.

Cattle

Meat and Other Foods Record of Animals killed and inspected

*	ing Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number killed Number inspected	36 36	0	0	66 66	2 2	0
All diseases except Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	U	U	U	U
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	2	1	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than	0	0	0	0	0	0
tuberculosis or cysticerous Tuberculosis Only	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whole carcases condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cysticerous						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned.	0	0	0	0	0	0



Number of Slaughterhouses in the area	- -
Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale Number of inspections	

The standard of hygiene in food shops and premises is very satisfactory and owners, managers and staff are most co-operative in endevouring to maintain the high standard of cleanliness.

Number of	premises inspected	• •	• •	10
Number of	inspections made for the purpose	• •	• •	21
Number of	informal notices served	• •	• •	•• 3
Number of	informal notices complied with	• •	• •	3
Number of	informal notices outstanding on 1st January 1968	• •	• •	Nil
Number of	informal notices outstanding on 31st December 1968		• •	Nil
Number of	formal notices served	• •	• •	Nil
	formal notices complied with			
	formal notices outstanding on 31st December 1967			

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1937 and 1948 Part 1 of the Act.

Resume' of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1968 which has already been sent to The Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

Part 1 of the Act

Inspection for the purposes of provisions as to Health (Including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector)

	Premises	No on Register	Inspections	Written Notices
1.	Factories in which Section 1,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	_	0	0
2.	Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	11	15	0
	Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	<u>4</u> 15	<u>5</u> 20	0
Pa	rt 8 of the Act, Outwork (Section 110 and 111).		

There are NO current entries in the Register of Outworkers.





